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# MR. ALLEN AS HEAD OF NAVY.

Reported Early Successor of Secretary Long.

# NO FORMAL ACTION TAKEN.

Mr. Long Desirous of Returning to

# UNDERSTANDING WITH PRESIDENT.

Reasons Why the Former Assistant Secretary and More Recent Governor of Porto Rico Is Said to Be the Choice of the President for the Place to Be Varated

political wiseacres is in error his successor at the head of the Navy Deputs ment will be Charles H. Allen, formerly Assistant Secretary of the Navy and more recently the Governor of Porto Rico.

Secretary Long is reported to have told a close friend not long ago that he boped | that she is a great favorite to be able to leave his office by the middle of February, if not sooner. He has informed the President of his desire to retire to private life and there is a perfect understanding between the two. Their re-Intions are most agreeable and it can be has urged Mr. Long to remain in the Cab-

## Nothing Formally Done Yet.

The Secretary has not resigned or asked to be relieved at any specific time. He hopes only to shape the affairs of his office so that he will be able to leave within the next six weeks. He desires to leave his successor to knotty problems or un-settled questions in his department, but wishes to have all the offairs of his office in good shape to turn over to the incoming

to be will offer his resignation to be accepted whenever the President definitely determines upon his successor.

# Not to Betire Under Pire.

There is also another reason why Mr. Long is willing to delay his leavetaking for a few weeks. He does not want to have it said that he retired under the fire of the Schley controversy. So far as that matter affects the Naxy Department both the President and Secretary Long consider it finally and officially solided.

this matter there is no disagreement between him and the President, nor is there upon any other. Secretary Long is only anxious to requir to private life.

his determination to retire. Mrs. Long cares little for what is termed society, preferring the quiet of her home. The Longs have in consequence done little or no entertaining during their renidence here, and there have been vague rurers from time to time that the leaders in high secial circles have not been pleased with their ballure to do their share in this line. Now, however, they are in mourning over the death of their

Secretary Long has parameterily denied resignation reports, and he has been con-sistent. for he has not yet resigned or written out his resignation to be accept-

the Administration are of the opinion that Mr. Allen will be the next Secretary of the Navy, although the situation is not advanced far enough for a tender of

Long. In the first place he has a thorough understanding of the workings of the department and the needs of the many. He learned this during the time he served as Mr. Long's assistant. He made a very creditable record. He is just the sort of a man that the President admires. He is a man who does things, a man of nofivity and energy, besides po-marked executive ability. It is

# Would Represent New England.

Again, the retirement of Secretary Long would leave New England without a representative in the Cabinet. It has long been recognized that this section is entitled to one member in the President's official family. If Secretary Hay were to leave, that would permit the President to tender the portfolio to his friend Senator Lodge, but Secretary Hay is to remain inthe Administration leader in the Senate Therefore it is logical that Mr. Allen should enter the Chibnet, and particularly as Secretary of the Navy.

After Mr. Allen resigned as Governor of Porto Rice, which he did largely because his wife was opposed to residence in San Juan, it was suggested to him that Hackett being anxious to leave. He conildered however, that he had been pro moted in being made Governor of Porte Rico, and that to return to his old desk is the Navy Department would not be exactly the projer thing to do. He, therefore held aloof, it is said, hoping that perhaps he might obtain the position f which he is now and to be considered.

# GOV. SHAW GETS LETTER.

# Will Leave for the National Capital

New Year Day. DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 29.-Governor than this evening received the expected letter from President Roosevelt.

The letter is not exactly a formal tender of the position of Secretary of the Treasgry to the Governor, but rather assumes that the tender was formally made on behalf of the President by Senator Allisan. This has not been the understanding of

the Governor, but is entirely sattofactory.

# SENATOR CLARK TO MARRY.

Wed Miss Cockrell, of Missouri. Given a beautiful and accomplished girl

the, is an engagement to wed, This is the formula which has enone he social gossips to reach the conclusion that Senator Clark of Montana is to marry - daughter of his collengue from Misurl, Miss Marian Cockrett. The rume

out through the nerthwest section of the ity and society bends an enger, listenic have married the Mentana solin to so many fair young women since he came to the Senate and it became generally known that he was a nedern Groesia that this nevert story is not accepted at quite its face value. But that the rumor is offen:

s wafted spon the gentle broszes that

Miss Cockrell's friends will not con rm it; they declare they do not believe Senator Clark is out of town, but may my risk fair doughter of Missouri and a Minima Senator are on aufficiently easant terms is afford the gossips a opic for pink tens. They declare that cension Clark showed Miss Cockrell arrived a entions last summer, when with were in Europe, and that he made

Secretary Long will retire from the President's Cabinet within the next six weeks, and unless the information of the cast six who meet him, and is goes without saying that never a lady misses a chance to

ing that over a large masses a closer smile upon the Senator when an opportunity is afforded.

Miss Cocktell is a beautiful blende. She has a most striking appearance, and because of this she always unconsciously attracts attention. She is most unaffected,

# CAPT, LORD'S WILL IN HANDS OF LANDLADY.

## MR. MARSHALL FEARS FOR WORST

Said Missing Man Was Frequently Despondent, and Required Fi. nancial Assistance-His Life Insured.

Nothing has yet been heard of Capt. T. W. Lord, United States Army, retired,

Thomas R. Marshall, for lifteen years a friend of Captain Lord, states that the latter threatened to end his life three years ago, Mr. Marshall says that Captain Lord at that time was downcast. He confided his troubles to Mr. Marshall, and the latter to a great degree succeeded in reassuring him, besides assisting him

# Fenrs for the Worst.

To a reporter for The Times Mr. Mar-Secretary Long, however, owing to the adverse criticism which has been justed upon him by reason of his position upon the question, is willing that the tide of the whereabouts of Captain Lord, had made versional enquiry too the matsentiment should recede somewhat and had made personal enquiry into the matter, and had urged the police to press the investigation of the mystery. Further, Mr. Marshall stated: "I shall

wall a mouth perhaps more in hope of hearing something of my friend. Then I shall press for a settlement of his ea-fate, especially so far as my interests in the matter are involved. Captain Lord The Ill-health of Mrs. Long is a factor lower me about \$291.50. This sum I adand should have awaited his own pleasure. probably more than any other man, had Captain Lord returned here to speak for

# Landindy Has Entire Charge.

"As matters now stand, however, I am told by Mrs. Susan Magrador, landlady of they Captain Lord, that she has personal and sole charge of the estate of Captain Lord in the event of his death. She tells me she has his will safely locked in a trunk at her house, where it cannot be disfurbed. His effects she also tells me, are in her keeping. Mrs. Magruder has said that Cuptain Lord left a life insurance "Al policy for about \$2,000,

Reasons for Naming Mr. Allen.

The best informed and those closest to the Administration are of the originon Captain Lord after a reasonable time, I shall proceed through the regular chanwrote me a note to the effect that he had penn made provision for that debt he pwed me in his will. This ; shall investigate at Touch not one of them, and he will for ever hold to accountability the agency.

# MUST KNEEL AND KOWTOW.

### Court Issues Instructions to Native Soldiers and Officers.

for the reception of the Court was pub- ber II, this year. lished today. It provides that General Secretary Long leaves it without any Ma and General Chiang, with their troops, shall kneed in a continuous line along the callway from Lutkachial to Machiapum, where the Court will leave the train.

From this place the Manchu battations and the genearmerie will like the route, knowling, to the Zhin-ner gate, which is the entrance to the Fernanden City. All othern city, and they are instructed to of taking part in the kneeling

# DEGRADED BY THE COURT. Magistrate Who Permitted Boxe

Outrages Punishen. PERING, Dec. 29 .- An imperial edict as been bused degrading the magistrate of the Pinglo district, province of Ken sub, for permitting the recent destruction of mission property and the maltreat at of a minispary and a number of

# LADIES RECEIVE CHINESE.

### Innovation at American Legation Introduced by Minister Conger.

PEKING, Dec. 29. - Minister Conger gave a dinner to the leading members of the Foreign Board and others on Christusion among the Chinese and at the gations, as it was the first instance of hinamen escorting foreign ladies to the

It has heretofore been held that ar

Chinamen die 150 exhibit their wives, for-eign laddies should not receive Chinamen. The Chinese were highly pleased. Mr. Conger made a speech, ir which he said he hoped the occasion would be the beginning of friendlier relations between

# STRATEGY TO GUARD WILCOX.

# Prisoner Probably Taken to Another Jail.

# PUNERAL SERVICE OF MISS CROPSEY

Crowds Fill the Methodist Church in Elizabeth City-Danger of Violence to Implicated Young Man Over - Innocence Upheld by a Local Minister.

NORPOLK, Va., Dec. 29.-A rumor is urrent here that James Wilcox, held in connection with the death of Miss Ella Cropsey at Elizabeth City, N. C., was secretly removed from the Elizabeth City jall lest night and, guarded by three men, was brought overland to Norfolk and ledged in the Norfolk County Jail.

iail hers. The correspondent found tohight at Davis' livery stable the men who rumer states brought Wilcox here. One of them said they spirited Wilcon

The jail nutherities deny that he is in

out of Elizabeth City last night at 11 o'clock in a buckboard and brought him here, arriving this morning.

## Feer of Lynching.

He said Wilcox had begun to fear that he would be lynched, and on the journey so expressed himself. The man said that no one, save Wilcox's Jailers, knew that he was removed from Elizabeth City, and the authorities said they wanted the fact

The man was told that his questioner was a newspaper man, whereupon he de-clared that the man brought over last light was not Wilcox, but a stranger who did not tell his name or business, but hired the vehicle to bring him here because there was no Sunday train.
Others believe that Wilcox is not here,
not the conflicting stories told by the men who brought some man here from

### Elizabeth City may not be easily recon A Ruse Employed.

It appears probable that a ruse has been employed to mislead the Elizabeth City people and that Wilcox, if not brought here, has been sent to some other point who disappeared from his boarding house for safe keeping, and part of the scheme ten days ago.

for safe keeping, and party overland to Norfolk.

# FUNERAL OF MISS CROPSEY.

# Crowds Throng the Methodist

Church in Elizabeth City. ELIZABETH CITY, N. C. Dec. 29.-In the presence of the largest company of people ever assembled at a church in this city, the funeral of Miss Ella Maude Cropney was held this afternoon in the Methodlat Church. There were 1,500 people packed in the auditorium, balcony and annex, and hundreds could not gain ad-mittance. The girl became a member of

### church in October last. In the Funeral Cortege.

The handsome black walnut casket laden with three white and green floral offerings, was borne down the central size by the pallbearers. Among those The Rev. Mr. Tuttle was assisted in the service by Moners. Ferrebee and Duke Boptist clergymen, Among the hyens sung by the choir wers "Lead, Kindly Light," and "We Shall Steep, But Not

A and and invaterious providence thank God that the family has been sun-thined in their sorrow. We thank Thee she accepted Christ before going away."

He then read from the fifteenth chapter of Corinthians. Mr. Tuttle made a strong

All deaths are sad, but oh, how inexnow, in home pressibly sad it is to be cut off in the bloom of young wemnshood and like this. Though mystery surrounds her death, we red from have a promise about this beautiful life. There is nothing secret that shall not be made manifest; be sure your sins will find you out. If one die by the hand of an assassin as our President died, rememwere he here. Defere h. disappeared he | her it was His will. No act is without its

This was God's child, and he said, then quoted: "He that sheds man's

# Mr. Tuttle read from the records, the

questions and answers on the occasion of that he will have its upon support. PEKING, Dec. 25.-An extensive plan Miss Cropsey's joining the church, Octo-

"These are the views she assumed a few short weeks before going," be said. "I am gind she did. Though absent from midst, she is present with her God. Her spirit has been wafted on angelic wings to mansions above, and her friends and ighbors have the consolation that they

may meet her there.

The company which has been guarding the jail since Friday evening was discharged at 5 o'clock this morning, but Sheriff Grandy says this is only temporary, for the reserves are subject to his orders. Lynching is no longer greatly

# Believes Wilcox Innocent.

Peinted pulpit utterances were made this morning from two of the most promnent clergymen. They took different po-

I do not besitate to say that I believe the prisoner is innocent," declared the Rev. Mr. Llewellyn, of Christ Episcopa Church 'I want to caution you, my hear ers, against forming and expressing opin

## her of my church I should probably have consured him from the pulpit, but now believe be to innecest of the dark which hovers over him. The Place for Sympathy.

Though the young lady is dead, and it very and, her character was vindicated nd I think now your sympaths should go to the detendant's family in their

in referring to the closing of the liters on the evening of the bedy's dis-overy as a presutionary move in view A Wilcox, the Rev. Mr. Tuttle spoke

the grocery atores, the jewelry shops, an other places were not shut up, but at this time in purmanace of official request, the liquer mioons were closed, and they were closed as a protection to a supposed eriminal, when on other days they remain open and corrupt the innocent.

# TO FEDERATE BROTHERHOODS.

### Joint Meeting Beld by Lehigh Railway Employes.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 29.-A meetng of the Brotherhoods of Engineers, Firemen, Conductors, Switchmen, Brakemen, and Telegraph Operators of this division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad was held at Pitision today, delegates from the organizations along the division being present to the number of about 200 The object was to discuss plans for the federation of all the brotherhoods, and he consequent strengthening of the union

The meeting last of two hours and wan secret. The project was thoroughly discommittee was appointed, composed of two mon from each brotherhood, to for-mulate plans for the federation. Their report will be ready in a couple of weeks. The object of the rederation is to im-prove the conditions of the men and hav-il classes of workmen strive for mutual betterment, the grisvance of one being the grievance of all. Several of these grievances were mentioned in the nicet-

ing but no action was taken.

Afterward the switchmen held a meeting by themselves and discussed several grievances. It is expected that the movement will spread along the entire line of the read from New York to Ruffalo.

# A MISPLCED SWITCH COSTS THREE LIVES.

# OMAHA LIMITED TRAIN WRECKED.

Preight Runs Into an Express at Maita, Ill.-Many Passengers Injured in an Early Morning Crash.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29:-Three people were killed and several bijured, some fatally, by the wrecking of the Omaha Limited slick a robbery," Captain Titus, of the train on the Chicago and Northwestern detective bureau, said tonight, "as has road at Malta, a small station near De-Kalb, at 5 o'clock this morning.

The dead are: B. O. NRCHOLS, Council Buds, Iona. E. R. BUNCAN, slasping on patier, Chinges, GRORGE W. BLIGO, Neglect agent RLk Scap Sergang, Organia.

Mes. George W. Rudbo, Omaha; George W. Fex, kuilder, Cede; H. D. Geny, Chicago, Best Carr, cillett, N. Y., Lebuged Bimebley, O. J. Hilm-k-cy, Superior, Neb. Mas. J. L. Hall, Chicago, real Dominan, Chicago; Charence Lauss, Chi-gre, W. A. Saweny, Lerenford, Iowa, E. Merlen ilkes, Fremont, Neb.; Mes. R. K. Hall, Chi-gey, Lincella Taff, Chicago; Veronica Robr-mer, Lincella Taff, Chicago; Veronica Robr-mer, Millard, Neb.

## Members of Crew Hurt.

Several members of the train crew were also injured. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch. A freight train was of theories and suggestions.

This morning the valet, Kerns, anounced at the Gedney Farm that he was switch between the two parallel tracks was set for connection instead of a straight track. This was not discovered by the freight engineer in time to stop. White Plains and consult a doctor there. by the freight engineer in time to stop and a collision occurred at the switch. The cars at once caught fire. Two sleepers two day coaches, and several freight cars were burned.

# Carried to Chicago.

The injured passengers were attended his toiler for dinner. immediately by physicians from DeKalb and Rochelle and later were brought to Chicago on a special train and removed to St. Luke's Hospital.

# MR. SEWELL'S SUCCESSOR.

### Rumor That E. G. Stokes Will Be night Named Ad Interim.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 29.-11 is reported here tonight that Governor Voorhoes been robbed of jewelry. will during the present week name a temporary successor to Gen. William T. Sewell in the United States Senate, and house, who telephoned this news, said at it is further intimated that Edward C. Stokes, clerk in chancery, will be the ad | pH the valuables of Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud.

irterim appointee. Governor Voorhees and ex-Senator Stokes are close personal and political funeral oration, from which these are ex- friends, and there is little doubt that the Governor would willingly make the appointment should Mr. Stekes desire it The report, however, is in conflict with the first announcement made by Gov-ernor voorhees that on account of the proximity of the legislative semion he would make no nd interim appointment. It is the general being that the candi-dacy of ex-Sheriff Baird, of Camden, h trongly hinted that it is being pressed with a view of hobling the South Jersey delegations for Barker Gummere, P., of this city, who is also a candidate.

# posed to Mr. Stokes, nor is it unlikely TO STOP COSTLY PRACTICE.

PARIS, Dec. 29.-A member of the Chamber of Deputies celled the attention of the House, just before the Christman racation, to the traditional practice of having the important speeches of Ministers printed and ported on the doors of the townhalls throughout the communes

No less than three leng speeches have rote of the chamber within a week befor Christman. Each speech so placarded in-volved an expense of some \$60,000, which, as they are not much read after they are posted, is considered to be a waste of

# A curtailment of the practice is now of it.

### EMPEROR IS INCENSED. All Implicated in Vienna Baccarat Senndal May Be Punished.

VIENNA, Dec. 22. "By the Emperor's structed to proceed severely against statement of his wife, to resome his seat Count Potocki, Baron Scemere, and the in the Senate shortly after the holidays. t the Jockey Club,

hours' play, has been examined by the po-lice. It is not known yet whether Prince Francis Joseph, of Brazuwa, one of the winners, will be prosecuted.

The Jorkey Club, whose premises beto the imperial estate has been ed that it will be dissolved if gam-

# Wireless Telegraphy in Koren.

BERLIN, Dec. 29 - The "Cologne Gazette" publishes Japanese advices to forms the War Office that the prisoners the effect that Japan has begun to erect wireless telegraph stations on the Korean

# RICH HAUL OF JEWELRY.

# Gems Valued at \$50,000 Gone: Also a Valet.

# POLICE CONNECT DISAPPEARANCES.

Man Employed by Paul G. Thebaud, of New York, Drives From Country House to Consult Doctor - The Horse Found in White Plains Where Loss Was Discovered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 -- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gilbert Thebaud, of 158 Madison Avenue, who are guests of Howard Willets at Gedney Manor Farm, near Whit-Plains, were robbed on Saturday night or today of jewelry worth thousands of fellars. The total amount of their less will be \$50,060 at least.

The missing jewelry includes a single ur-shaped diamond, valued at \$20,660. and a pearl, which sione is worth \$15,000. The total amount of the plunder may even

much more than \$50,000. Among the be much more than \$50,000. Among the things studen were 270 searf pins. Edward Ferm, a Swiss, who had been Mr. Thebmod's valot for the hast three months, is missing, and the police in every city in the country are on the lookout for him. The police say that, unsaided and ususpected, he carried away from the Gedney Farm about \$50,000 worth of his master's jewelry today and that on Saturday night he succeeded in stealing from the town house jewelry worth \$10,000. saturday night he succeeded in stealing rom the town house loweiry worth \$10,000

### occurred here in a long time Went to Town House,

On Saturday night the valet told Mr. Thebaud that he had left the razors at the efty house and Mr. Thebaud told him he might go back for them. This Kern did with the idea, it is thought, that all the jewelry was in the town house. He only found \$10,000 worth, however, and returned to White Plains, where he secured

the rest.
Mr. Thebaud is buildleg a \$100,000 man sion on his summer estate, "All View," two miles south of White Phins. During the building of the house Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud have been the guests of Howard Willets. Their home in Madison Avenue has been in charge of a housekeeper and a retinue of servants.

# Started to See Boctor.

He got the team and departed.

The valet put the horse in James' livery stable, in White Plains, and left it there.

# He did not return to the farm, but nota-ing was thought of that until 6 o'clock to-night, when Mr. Thebaud began to arrange

The Valet Missing. Enquirles were made for the valet then, but, of course, he could not be found. Almost immediately Mr. Theband discov-He had last secult when his valet assisted

in dressing for dinner on Saturday value to the authorities." Almost at the same moment a telephon

Locket Not Taken. . The housekeeper at the Madison Avenue first that the house had been robbed of but she informed Mrs. Thebaud later that a valuable locket, surrounded by diamend and containing a lock of hair of Mrs. The haud's mather who died some time ago,

### Much other jewery and many diamonds, she said were missing. GEN. SHAFTER MAY BE SUED.

Tricked Into Endorsing Bogus Drafts-Now Banks Are Mad.

SAN PRANCISCO, Dec. 29 .- Major General Shafter will soon be sued for two drafts amounting to \$456, which he endorsed last June on the strength of a the woman, said: seemingly genuine letter from Major General MacArthur. It turned out that the letter was a forgery and the drafts were

The drafts were presented to General The drafts were presented to General the murderous assault upon her. On the Shafter by E. B. Lawrence, who here let-contrary, persons living at the Ingleside ters from MacArthur anking Shalter to have said that a likeness exists between conserve them for his friend Lawrence, the woman now missing and a photograph. The letter seemed genuine, and General his the rouges' sailery of a female pick-picket, taken some time spo. In view of era endorsement they were promptly paid these circumstances, we should like to know more of the former buller at the ov Hongkons and Shanghai banks

After two months they came back, with note that the drafts were bugus. Then the Lank wanted General Shafter to pay the amount, but he refused, and they threatened suit. Papers are now being

# QUAY MAY RETAIN HIS SEAT.

## Mrs. Quay Says the Senator Will Return in Two Weeks.

Senator Quay will return to Washing ton in about two weeks. If he intends resigning from the Senate, I know nothing This statement was made yesterday to

Mrs. Quay at her home on K Street, and

she added with a smile that she thought the Senator would advise her if he consemplated taking such an important step The Senator is now in Florida, and his health is reported to be improving so desire the authorities have been in that he hopes to be able, according to the Close political friends of the Pennsyl vania Senator, however, profess to Baron Szemere, the chief winner in the lieve, and to have strong grounds to recent game at the Jockey Club, when their belief, that Senftor Quay will withcount John Potocki lost \$500,000 in three in a short time retire from public life

### DE WET FREES PRISONERS. British Soldiers Recently Cuptured Arrive at Bethlehem. LONDON, Dec. 29.-General Kitchener

inder date of Johannesburg today, in recently taken by General De Wet have been released and have arrived at Beth

# SHOCKING MINE FATALITY.

# Party of Eight Men Dushe.

to Denth in Shaft. HARTSHORN, L. T., Dec. 29 .- A disastrous accident occurred at shaft No. 1 of the McAlester Coul Company here yester-

While the cage was ascending with ight men, and when about ten feet from he bettom of the shaft, it jumped its guldings, and six out of the eight men were immediately killed.

They were horribly mangled beneath the case, and their bodies were dropped o the bottom of the shaft. Two men held to the cage and for some reason were

hurt very little. They had to be drawn up with repen is the cage had stuck about midway of the shaft.

# CARNEGIE BONDS SOLD.

# Bellef That He Will Make Cash Gift Story of Hor Relations With Lo-

to Government. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-Wall Street ndering whether Andrew Carnegie has been disposing of \$10,000,000 of United tates Steel Corporation 5 per cent bonds that he may tender a cash gift to the United States Government for the en-

dowment of a higher university. Last week and the week before there tave been some important sales of the cel corporation's bonds at prices said to be 114 or higher. At 114, \$16,000,000 honds would produce \$11,400,000, and Wall Street is wondering whether if Mr. Carnegie has been selling the hords he will give that amount or only \$19,600,000 in each to the Government, since the President and his Cabinet decided they could not accept a

Not all the United States Steel Corporations bonds sold were ewned by Mr. Carneyle, but the bulk of them were.

# MRS. DENNIS WORSE LAST MIDNIGHT.

# HER PHYSICIANS DISCOURAGED.

Detectives Making Efforts to Learn Something About a Mysterious Woman Who Was at the Ingleside.

The offer of a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the assailant of Mrs. Ada Gilbert | Lozelle was on the lighted stage perform-Dennis, or information leading thereto, ing and was the centre of attraction. Abcaused a stir yesterday in police circles, sorbed in his performance, and his view and led many persons to call at head- of the darkened auditorium being renquarters during the day with all manner dered indistinct by the footlights, Lo-

Physicians Are Discouraged. "We are discouraged at the condition of Mrs. Dennis; she is not so well tonight," was what Dr. Wade H. Atkinson, attending family physician, stated to a reporter at milinght. "This morning Mrs. Dennis was somewhat brighter, but she necessions lenight when I saw her. At no time has she made a statement of

Seek Mysterious Woman, message was received by Mrs. Thehand. One cine which pave promise Saturday from their city house that that too, had night, and which is yet not fully investigated, grows out of the presence of a woman has completely disappeared. Desharp features, large eyes, dark hair; were three binck dreames, low lice alloes. Woman came to this city from Virginia. Acts queerly at times; she carries small natched. This is important.

When seen resternly Dectective Evans said in explaining the call:

## -araman, on being asked about Capt. Board Says Its Cariosity. "So far as we know, there is absolutely | Mount Olivet Cemetery. nothing which might connect the missing woman with Mrs. Dennis, her family or

## night. IMPRISONED FOR DEBT. Nearly Five Thousand Committed

Last Year in England. LONDON, Dec. 29 - There is a popular apression that Imprisonment for debi has been abolished in Great Britain. The ounty court returns for 1900, which are past published, show that 4,602 debters were imprisoned for sout-supt of court to father to pay after the hisbre of the cour-ty your had ordered them to do so, but

The system apparently had a good effect the case of the majority of debtors as a returns show that of 120,044 agains when remaininger warrants were lessed to the paid up when they came face are with the alternative of going

# COMMANDER YOUNG SAILS. ReenHed Officer Leaves Havnan or

HAVANA, Dec. 28. Commander Lucie Young, the captain of the port, who has con recalled by Secretary of the Navy Long because of an interview on Cuban ofities which he gave to a Louisvill newspaper white on a visit to the United States, sailed for New York yesterday on s steamer Morro Castle.

Commander Young was popular with al classes and the people regards very good captain of the port.

# HAD PLANNED DRAMATIC END.

Price One Cent.

# Belief in Regard to Suicide of Miss Benner.

# HER APPARENT INTENTIONS

Evidently Meant to Startle Audiency and Lozelle.

# PRUSTRATED BY DAPKENED HOUSE.

zelle Declared by Her Brother to Be a Revelation to the Family-Sadness at Benner Home-Stricken Mother Almost Prostrated.

Sensational as was the suicide of Miss Mary Benner Saturday evening in Chase's Theatre, it certainly fell far short of having the dramatic effect she evidently

cate that she intended to end her life audience assembled that evening, and bring the performance to a sudden stop. That she did not succeed is due to her forgetting the conditions that would pre-

vail at the time, or to her having disregarded them at the last momen She had brought one of Legelle's letters with her, and her waving it in the air and then tearing it to places after having advanced some distance down the able were undoubtedly part of her plan. It is also believed that she intended to ery out, but was physically unable so to do be-

### attention of the entire audience and also of Lozelle, but in noth she failed, and quite naturally. The house was dark, while the stage was brilliantly illuminated and the orchestra was playing. This prevented her slight movements being either seen or heard. Moreover,

cause of her great nervous excitement.

Why Her Plan Failed.

It is believed she thought to attract the

# relle noticed nothing unusual.

Quick Action of Usbers. Then, too, the quick action of the disclotined force of ushers served to allay near death, growing weaker slowly but the little excitement in the immediate surely. Her physicians hold out little vicinity of the spot which Miss Benner

selected for her tragic deed. The result of it all was that the ununcasiness on the part of a mere handful of spectators. The audience was not alarmed, the performance did not rease, and Lozelle went through his act ignorant of being a leading figure in tragedy as well as vaudeville, and the girl's evident plan of attracting aftention to Logelle in connection with her fate failed. Sadness at the Benner Hame,

### woman was turned over to the mother by ties and issued a certificate giving suicide as the cause of death. The body reposed

The scene at the Benner home vesterday

when a reporter for The Times called

was a sad one. The body of the young

of Mrs. Benner's father and mother have and on the verge of nervous collect Was Revelation to Laws

# at the house some time tomorrow and would be strictly private. The Rev. Dr. Ambrose A. Beavan, of the Church of the Immendate Conception, Eighth and N Streets northwest, will officiate. The interment will be made in the family lot in

## Statement of Mr. Criswell. Mr. F. M. Criswell, proprietor of the Le Droit pharmacy, 1901-1101 Seventh Street northwest, said to a Times re-

porter fast night that he had no idea that Miss Benner intended to use the carbolic acid as a means of self-destruction. "Miss-Cenner came into the atore about 5.29 o'clock Saturday evening," said Mr. friswell, "and asked for an ounce trongest carbolic acid we had.

### eater to keep it in liquid form-from 5 to Aroused No Suspleion.

When Miss Benner received the acid he amplied the second time as to its frongth. We had known her and the members of her household for years, and thought nothing of her questions, attrib-ating them to a device on her part not to been a solution of excholic acid sold

## MAY LET MACLAY DROP. Admiral Schley, It Is Believed, Will Not Appent to President.

Rear Admiral Schler will go to Balticore on Tuesday to be the guest of his ster-in-law. Mrs. W. Parks Fisher, and a Weilnesday will be the guest at diner of the Arundell Club; He has not decided whether he will

the legal action against Edgar S. Ma-chy, who called Schloy a call; in him 'History of the Navy, but it is believed that he will let the Maclay matter drop. It is announced that he will not appeal to President Roosevelt for a reharing of its case. In about two weeks Admiral and Mrs. Schley will make a long trip Sarfaik & Washington Steambout Co

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